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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's
Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE
STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON
& GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES
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22d Street.
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cisco.
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ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Mil-
bourne and Sydney.
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WALSH, Ltd., Singapore.
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N. MOLES & Co., Ltd., Fookien.
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FORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH,
Yokohama, LAM, CHANFORD & Co.,
and KELLY & Co.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
RESERVE CAPITAL, £500,000.

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Directors.
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Chief Manager.
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LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND
AMOI.

BANKERS.
THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.
FAIR'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE
BANK (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
do 6 do do 4%
do 3 do do 3%
Current Accounts 2%
Hongkong, May 24, 1893.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.
PREPARED BY

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2
per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 10, 1893.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN,
AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
CAPITAL CALLED UP, \$251,093.15.0.

Board of Directors.
W. K. NEWICK, Esq., Chairman.
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Branches:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
Agents:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed
Deposits, can be ascertained on application.
CHANDRY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-
TION. Rates may be obtained on ap-
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
34 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893.

STAINFIELD'S
PRIVATE FAMILY HOTEL,
1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

VISITORS will find SUPERIOR
ACCOMMODATION at MODERATE
TERMS.

Hongkong, September 1, 1893.

Banks.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED, £1,125,000.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at
the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months, 5%
For 6 Months, 4%
For 3 Months, 3%
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Twentieth Ordinary Yearly MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the
Society will be held at its Head Office,
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th
October next at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors, to-
gether with Statements of Accounts for the
year 1892, and for the half-year ending the
30th June, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will
be CLOSED from the 29th September to
the 7th October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NEW ISSUE SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby Reminded
that the SECOND CALL of \$18.75
per SHARE is DUE on the 30th INSTANT,
and they are informed that by PAYMENT
on the above date of the whole Amount
outstanding on the said Shares (viz. \$12.50
per Share) they will be entitled to partici-
pate in the Dividend for the last three
months of this year.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, September 11, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

June, July, August and September,
\$75 PER MONTH
FOR BOARD & LODGING IN ROOMS
facing PEDDER STREET or to the
Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without BOARD,
\$45 per month.
Apply to MANAGER and/or SECRETARY,
HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, May 19, 1893.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 276.

OHINA SEA.

TAMNUI DISTRICT.

TAMSUI BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, on and
after the 1st DECEMBER next, the
following CODE of SIGNALS for indicat-
ing the depth of water on the TAMSUI BAR,
will be substituted for the Code now used
for that purpose:

Depth of Water on Bar.	North Yard Arm.	South Yard Arm.
10 feet	•	•
11 "	•	•
12 "	•	•
13 "	•	•
14 "	•	•
15 "	•	•

Half foot will be shown by a Ball at the
half North Yard Arm.

Rising tide will be shown by a Ball at the
mast head.

The Symbols will be painted white and
hoisted on the flagstaff at the Custom
House.

Flag Signals by the Commercial Code
will be answered on the flagstaff at the
Custom House.

By Order of the Inspector General of
Customs,
A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Shanghai, 15th September, 1893.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 35 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR.

Marks and Lights for Peima Channel
discontinued.

NOTICE is hereby given that the MARKS
and LIGHTS for the PEIMA
CHANNEL are DISCONTINUED from this
date until further notice, and there is now
a less depth of water in that Channel than
in the line of the old Bar Marks.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Shanghai, 12th September, 1893.

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
JUST RECEIVED,
NEW SHIPMENT OF

LINCOLN, BENNETT & Co.'s
FELT HATS,

ALSO,
CHRISTY'S
TERAI HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, September 21, 1893.

ROBERT LANG & Co.
NEW GOODS.

LARGE SELECTION OF WHITE AND STRIPE FLANNELS AND
SERGES.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS AND COATINGS.
TERAI HATS (ALL COLORS) AND SUN HATS.
BOOTS AND SHOES.
WATERPROOF COATS AND UMBRELLAS.
&c., &c., &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES
named:—

FOR STRAITS. DATE. REMARKS.

SHANGHAI, Malacca, About 25th Sept. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c., Rosetta, Noon, 28th Sept. See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN, Ancona, Noon, 29th Sept. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI, Java, About 30th Sept. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, Shanghai, About 10th Oct. Freight or Passage, (calling
at MARSEILLES, if sufficient
inducement offers).

For further Particulars, apply to
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893.

W. POWELL & Co.
SPLENDID SHOW OF
NEWEST TOYS.

AND
FANCY GOODS.

W. POWELL & Co.
All NEW GOODS.

Hongkong, September 16, 1893.

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
1,400 FEET ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL.

THIS magnificent HOTEL is situated at the most beautiful part of the HILL
known as "The Mount." The air is delightfully cool and bracing, the temperature being at
least 10 degrees lower than in the valley beneath. Luxuriously furnished, and Cuisine
and Wines First-class.

THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER.
Is served in the GRAND DINING ROOM at 7.45 P.M.
Arrangements can be made for DINNER PARTIES in Private Rooms. Tables or
Seats can be reserved for the TABLE D'HOTE, and WINES laid to Order.
For further Particulars, apply to the UNDERSIGNED, or to the SECRETARY at the
Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

R. ISHERWOOD, Manager, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, September 18, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
Telegraphic Address: "Kromen," A. B. C. Code.

THE Most Comfortable and Best-appointed HOTEL in the Far East; situated in
the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club,
and adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony).
The Hotel Steam Launch conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail
Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.
The BED ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open
on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric com-
munications.

THE READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, LADIES' DRAWING
ROOMS, the NEW BAR and PIANO BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American
Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour, adjoins the
Hotel.

WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Brands only.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey
passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.
MOUNT PORTERS and WAITERS are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.
Hongkong, October 21, 1892.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to
PAY the CALL of 50 CENTS per
Share on the Ordinary Shares in the above
Company, standing in their Names on the
Register of the Company, and to note that
this was Due on the 3rd Instant.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 12, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same
Name, remain unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 10, 1893.

WINE and Spirit Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD,
HONGKONG, August 18, 1891.

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY been appointed
MANAGER to Messrs. DAKIN,
CRUICKSHANK & Co., Chemists,
Aerated Water Manufacturers, &c.

T. G. JOY,
16th September, 1893.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. "Pingyang" having
arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of Cargo by her are hereby informed
that their Goods will be delivered from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after the 26th Instant, at 4
p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "DENBIGHSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and
GODOWN CO., at Kowloon, whence and/or
from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon
To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant
will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 28th Instant, or they will not be re-
cognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893.

STEAMSHIP "SAGHALIEN."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London
or S.S. "Tartar" and "Labrador,"
from Havre or S.S. "Tartar," and from
Bordeaux or S.S. "Ville de Dunkerque,"
Marie, Perceval and P. Levy, Laitier,
in connection with the above Steamer, are
hereby informed that their Goods—with
the exception of Opium, Treasure
and Valuables—are being landed and stored
at their risk at the HONGKONG and KOW-
LOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S,
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be ob-
tained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
before Noon To-day (Wednesday), the 26th
Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wed-
nesday, the 27th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, or they
will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined
on Thursday, the 28th Instant, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, September 20, 1893.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"
FROM TACOMA, YOKOHAMA
AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 21, 1893.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer "Belona," Capt. JAMES,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the HONG-
KONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN CO., Ltd.,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 21, 1893.

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Formosa,"
Capt. HALL, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 23, 1893.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

STEAM FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT).
(Taking Passengers and Cargo for
TOURANE & QUINON.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"Haiphong,"
Capt. GALLIET, will leave
for the above Ports TO-
MORROW, the 24th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1893.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship
"Belona,"
Capt. P. JAMES, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at
4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
tion for First and Second Class Passengers
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 21, 1893.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
"Batavia,"
Capt. C. E. BARR, A.R.N., will
be despatched for the
above Port on MONDAY, the 25th
Instant, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1893.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Kienan,"
J. GRAY, Commander,
will be despatched as
above on or about the 25th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 21, 1893.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
"Denbighshire,"
Capt. D. JAMES, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m.,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th October 1893, at Noon, the Company's S.S. MELBOURNE, Commandant VIMONT with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 3rd October, 1893. (Parcels are not left at the Agency's Office.)

Comments and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Agency's Office.

G. de CHAMPELLE,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 29, 1893. 1634

address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1893. 1562

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Kwaiin, British steamer, 1,088, J. Har-
 B, Bangkok September 16, Rice.—BUT-
 REFIELD & SWIRE.

winds. Sea moderate. Weather fair to showery and squally.

require to do their best to unearth original geniuses in the musical and comic line.

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NORTH POLE.

To the Nineteenth Century for August Sir Robert Ball, the Dublin Astronomer Royal, contributes a very interesting paper on the movements of the North Pole. It is based on the labours of Mr. Chandler, a distinguished American astronomer, who has made an exhaustive examination into that subject, and who has conclusively proved that the Terrestrial Pole is in a regular and constant movement. Mr. Chandler has been so successful as to have determined the law of these polar movements. Sir Robert guards his readers against misconception by pointing out to them the nature of the Celestial Pole and of the Terrestrial Pole, the former being that point in the heavens round which the stars revolve, and the latter that point on the surface of the earth which has been the goal of so many Arctic expeditions. That the Celestial Pole is in a state of movement has been long known; that the Terrestrial Pole is also in a state of movement is the new discovery to which he calls attention. This is not a discovery, but it is new; and that star moving round it, like all the other stars. Some faint stars, indeed, lie much closer to the Celestial Pole than the Pole Star itself does. While these stars are moving round the Celestial Pole, and the Celestial Pole itself is in incessant movement, which movement Sir R. Ball thus describes:—

"At the present time the Pole is advancing in such a direction that it is getting near to the Pole Star, so that the distance which the Pole is describing is becoming less and less. The time will come when the circle which this star performs will have reached its lowest dimensions, but still the Pole will be moving on its way, and then, of course, the dimensions of the circle traversed by the Pole Star will undergo a corresponding increase. As hundreds of years and thousands of years roll by, the Pole will retreat further and further from the Pole Star, so that in the course of a period as long as the duration of the human race, the Pole will have moved so far from the Pole Star as to enable the latter to render to astronomers the peculiar services which it does at present. Looking still further ahead, we find that in the course of about 130,000 years the Pole Star will have gained a position as different as possible from that which it now occupies. This most critical point in the heavens will then be not far from the star Vega, the brightest star in the Northern Sky, and this it will commence to return, so that after the lapse of about 25,000 years the Pole will be found again in the same celestial neighbourhood where it is to-night, having, in the meantime, traversed a mighty circle through the constellations."

So much for the movement of the Celestial Pole. The terrestrial one he thus describes:—

"The Terrestrial North Pole lies in a region of eternal ice. Suppose that Nature does succeed in his expedition, how is he to identify that particular spot on this globe which is to be defined by the North Pole? Imagine that your eye was placed at the centre of the earth, and that you could look down into the bowels of the earth, and that you could see through the surface which you could look exactly to the point in the heavens which is the Celestial Pole, then that spot in the end of the line passes out through the surface of the earth, and this is the North Terrestrial Pole. Imagine a stick driven into the earth at the place named, then the position of that stick is the critical spot on our globe which has been the object of so much maritime enterprise. Now, does the Pole move? At the time of the building of the Pyramids, the Pole in the heavens was in quite a different place from its position now, and a table, looking at it from the centre of the earth, would have come out at the surface at a totally different place from that at which the tube would come at present. It seems perfectly certain that at any time within the last 10,000 years the North Pole might have been found within a region on the earth's surface not larger than Hyde Park. The North Pole describes a circle, and the period in which each revolution of the Pole around that circle takes place is about 427 days, or about two months more than the period that the earth requires for the performance of each revolution around the sun."

"DIED WHILE IN PRAYER. Another man was found in a kneeling posture, his face buried in his hands, as if he had died in prayer."

I clip this sentence from an account of the St. Edouard mine disaster which occurred in France in December, 1891. The mine had been smouldering for years in a remote part of the mine, but its further advance had been stopped by barriers. Yet they proved insufficient at last, and the terrible fire exploded, scattering death throughout the mine. Such incidents are too well-known in England to need further explanation or comment."

Has it ever struck you that the interior of the human body is the interior of a coal mine? Well, it is. All the operations go on in solid darkness. Guess are engendered in it that are just as dangerous as fire-damp. Generally they—yet hold on, let's have the little story first."

It's about a woman. In fact, it's from her, too, and is sure to interest somebody, may be you. She says that a long run of time, from childhood to years after her marriage, she never knew what illness was, and so she remained fit, or to have it make a mark on her, as we may say. But, though few folk manage to escape the old slow driver altogether. Nor did she. "It was in the summer of 1890, she says, 'when I began to feel bad. My general health was poor, and what I did gave me great pain and distress. My food seemed to me like lead, and after every meal, no matter how simple the food was, I had the most excruciating pain, you know, I had a nagging, twisting, pain at my chest, and through to my shoulders, that was very hard to bear. So bad was it that I thought something (perhaps a tumor) was growing within me. As soon as ever food entered my stomach I used to say, 'It is beginning,' meaning the gnawing pain."

"I took all kinds of things for relief and applied mustard plasters to the chest, but nothing did me any good. After a time I did not take a proper meal. I was afraid to eat, and got very thin and weak. It was as much as I could do to go about my house work. In October of this year (1891) Mr. James Fowler, of 179, High Street, London, recommended me to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I got a bottle and commenced to take it. After a few doses I felt relief. My food again began to taste good, and the time I had taken one large bottle all the pain had left me, and I now feel as well as ever I did. Yours truly (signed), Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, 14, King Street, Hainley, Staffordshire, November 10th, 1891."

You ask me what the sad fate of the miners has to do with the case of Mrs. Wright. I'll tell you in half a minute. This lady says she was taken ill in the summer of 1890. Now, do you suppose the illness and the cure of the illness came at the same time? By no means. Cause first, effect afterwards—that's the order, always. And, see here! A cause may be at work for weeks or months before you notice any result; and until you do notice results, you don't know there's aught gone wrong. Isn't that so? The miners, to be sure, knew there was a fire in the mine. But it was not until from them and they thought they were safe. The barriers leaked, and death gripped them in a twinkling of an eye."

The body is like a mine, as I have said. Disease and death are caused by the action of

poisonous gases and acids inside of it. They all start from the stomach and then creep into every part, sometimes fast, sometimes slow. In some cases, the disease is very fast. The doctors often call it an 'explosion' of acid. The source of all these deadly things is indigestion and dyspepsia. Slight symptoms first, then the more terrible and alarming. Watch the way it comes on. This was Mrs. Wright's ailment. She suffered fifteen months before she found out what the matter was and what to do. Gracious mercy! If we only knew the sort of things that go on in our bodies we'd understand that it's about as dangerous to work in a kitchen as in a coal mine."

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